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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Antwan T. Peppers, 31, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced on August 18, 2003, by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to 30 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by two years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Peppers entered a guilty plea on May 12, 2003, to one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition

Melgren stated that on February 6, 2003, Topeka Police Department officers attempted to stop a car for speeding. The individuals in the car attempted to evade the officers and when the car was stopped Peppers ran from the scene. Peppers was later found and arrested and officers found a magazine containing three bullets for a semi-automatic handgun in his coat. Peppers was previously convicted in 1997 of being a felon in possession of a firearm and is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation.

“Under Project Safe Neighborhoods, a national initiative to prevent gun violence, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, in partnership with the Topeka Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, will continue to aggressively prosecute felons who possess a firearm or ammunition,” Melgren said. “The message is clear, if you are a felon found with a firearm or ammunition, you will spend time in a federal prison.”